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A PERSONAL NOTE:

My selected bibliography of over 360 books related to radio programming and personalities was printed in 1994. I have prepared a supplement of over 65 books. It also contains phone numbers of specialized publishers and web sites. The supplement is \$2.50 total. The entire bibliography with supplement (**over 420 books**) is \$7.00

REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: The first supplement to the **Revised Ultimate History** is available for \$5 plus \$1.50 P&H. The complete book plus the supplement is \$50 plus \$4 P&H.

CONVENTION 1998: The dates are October 22 - 24, 1998 at the Holiday Inn - North, Newark. Flyers enclosed. If you wish to write a short article for the Convention Booklet, I will need it by October 1.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The **Fifth** annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script which must be based on any of the great radio programs of the past, such as The Shadow, Jack Benny, etc. The script can have the characters originating in their original era and time or you can update the time to today. If you have entered before and you have not won in 2 years, please enter again.

The script must have all music and sound cues as well as all the spoken material. Try to arrange it in script form so it doesn't have to be retyped.

The prize for the best script will be \$150 and will have its live performance at our 1999 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. You can direct it if you wish. There will be some rehearsal time. Scripts must be submitted by **September 10, 1998**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (908) 940-7639. A distinguished panel of old-time radio buffs will pick the winning script. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

The winning script in our first contest was won by Michael Giorgio. The second was won by James Nixon. The third winner was Edgar Russell, Jr. The fourth winner is Donald Dortmund whose script will be performed at our 1998 convention. Joel Senter, a runner up will also have his script performed.

Will all clubs with newsletters print the above in order to give everyone a chance?

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **Nostalgia Digest**, June - July; articles about Deanna Durbin; Woodpecker Song; Kukla, Fran and Ollie; Cavalcade of America; Old-time Radio in Chicago. Chuck Schaden also reminisces about 1948, the year he graduated from 8th grade, the same year I graduated. Chuck and I both started our respective endeavors relating to OTR around April of 1970. Chuck plans to attend our convention this year. Why does he look younger than I do?...**RLL on the Air**, Apr; article about Seckatary Hawkins...Jul; article about Eddie Cantor; **Chattanooga Airwaves**, May - Jun...**The Cantor Connection**, May - Jun...**Tape Squeal**, May - Jun; articles about Les Paul; Our Gal Sunday...**Return With Us Now**, Jun; article about "On the Air" by John Dunning...Jul; interview with Jim French...**Illustrated Press**, Jun; articles about Detectives, Part 6; Frank Sinatra...**Radio Recall**, Jun; articles about Lanny Ross; Charlie Chan ...**Tradition**; May - Jun; article about The Carter Family...**Air Check**, Spring; features information about June convention; also short articles about Joanna March and Dick Beals...**RCA Newsletter**, Jun; article about Radio Spirits and Carl Amari...**Daily Sentinel**, Jul - Aug; many pictures of radio performers; article about radio's

copycats...**Thrilling Days of Yesteryear**, Jul – Aug; articles about Dr. John Brinkley; David Ross; radio microphones...**SPERDVAC Bulletin**, Mar – Apr; article about David Harum...May – Jun; article about Hilltop House...**The Lone Ranger, Silver Bullet**; Jun; more Lone Ranger stuff.

BOOKS: **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 76 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...**The Airwaves of New York** by Bill Jaker, Frank Sulek and Peter Kanze; McFarland & Co., 1-800-253-2187 or (336-246-4460); 296 pages; \$55. It is an illustrated history of 156 Am stations in the New York Metropolitan area from 1921 – 1996...Also from McFarland is **Lugosi: His Life in Films, on Stage, and in the Hearts of Horror Lovers** by Gary Don Rhodes; 456 pages; \$55. The section on radio is only 6 pages. The book covers Lugosi's works in all mediums...St. Martins Press has just released a book called **Elvis, Hank and Me..Making Musical History on the Louisiana Hayride** by Horace Logan with Bill Sloan. If you are at all interested in the country-western programs, this is the book for you. Horace Logan was the producer of Louisiana Hayride, on radio from 1948. It tells the inside stories of many guests including Elvis Presley, Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, many others. Cost of this 256-page book is \$21.95. Call (212) 674-5151...**Historical Dictionary of American Radio** edited by Donald Godfrey and Frederic Leigh; published by Greenwood (see above); \$89.50; 520 pages; 1998. This book is a comprehensive resource of American Radio History including 100 authors and covering 600 topics. Entries are arranged alphabetically. Each entry contains references for further study as well as internet sources...**The Red Nichols Story** by Phil Evans et al; Scarecrow Press, 1997, 740 pages; \$79.50 (1-301-459-3366). This is a definitive chronological Bio-Discography from 1942 to 1965. This is extremely thorough and includes all the radio programs he was on.

CONVENTIONS:

Eddie Cantor Appreciation Society Annual Get Together in Southern California, July 11 and 12. Contact Michelle Malik (818) 907-8895

23rd Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 31 – Sep 6 at Pottawattamie Country Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577.

23rd Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 22 – 24 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

15th Annual SPERDVAC Convention, Nov 13 – 15; Crowne Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles; Contact Larry Gassman (562) 947-9800.

3rd Annual Williamsburg Film Festival, Feb 25 - 27, Holiday Inn Patriot, Williamsburg, VA; Contact Cindy Peery (1-757-566-1855)

13th Annual Old Time Radio and Nostalgia Convention, Apr 23 – 24, 1999, Marriott Inn, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (606) 282-0333

***4th Old-time Music and Radio Conference**, 1999, Mt. Airy, North Carolina. Contact Surry Arts Council, Box 411, Mount Airy, NC 27030 (1-800-286-6193 or 336-786-7998)

***REPS Radio Showcase VII** of The Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound, 1999, in Seattle, Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (206) 488-9518

***15th Annual Lum and Abner Society Convention**, 1999, Mena, Arkansas; Contact Tim Hollis, 81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL (205) 648-6110

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@broadcast.airwaves.com>...New Members include: **Gene Bradford** <tmrss@ameritech.net>...**Bob Burnham** (change) <platecap@worldnet.att.net>...**Joe Webb** (change) <Jwwmtf@aol.com>...**Joe Russell** <Labasjoe@aol.com>...**John Cooper** <Mysto99@aol.com>

LOGS: Fred Shay, 30 Willow St., Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 has a **Complete log of "The Adventures of Superman"** from 1938 - 1951. Cost is \$10 including priority mail postage...More logs from Martin Grams that you can order from me **Sunday with Garroway** (4/18/54 - 9/26/54); **Front and Center, The Road Ahead, The Private Files of Rex Saunders, As Easy as ABC, Dr. West's Celebrity Night** (all 6 are 50 cents each)

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: Ted Kneebone, 1528 S Grant St., Aberdeen, SD 57401 has 6 new Crisco Daytime Radio Newspaper with Durward Kirby and Bernadine Flynn from 1943 and 1944; He also has to new Life Can Be Beautiful (2/7/44; 3/21/44)...**Tom Martin** (Vintage Audio), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin2@compuserve.com> has Supplement 5 and 6 of his catalog. It contains cassettes 6001 - 7724 with a wide variety of shows, many not seen on cassette before...**Great American Radio** (Gary Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437; May - Jun supplement has Bold Venture; Couple Next Door; Hermit's Cave; Mel Blanc...July flyer; Jack Parr; Philo Vance; Quiet Please...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 510264, Livonia, MI 48151 (Spring/summer, supplement 2); The Whistler, others ...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305; June supplement has Cruise of the Poll Parrot; various quiz shows and soaps; Clyde Beatty...July flyer has Railroad Hour; Corsican Brothers; Destination Venus; Whistler...**AVPRO**, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-33 AVPRO) Flyer #2; special on The Whisperer; many others including 14 TV episodes on video of Terry and the Pirates...**Travis Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 has the audition show of Aunt Mary (March, 1952) and Jimmy Durante (10/6/44). He also has 21 Admiration Coffee Shop (Sep 29 - Dec 16, 1947)...**Wayne Boenig**, 233 Allerton Commons Ln., Braintree, MA 02184 has 3 new Blue Ribbon Town (1944) 1/29; 2/5; 2/12...**Bob Barbagelott**, 2568 Western Ave. B2-A21, Altamont, NY 12009 has 4 reels (about 52 new) Yankee Yarns...**RHAC** has more new Canadian shows from 1964 - 1965 including The Ordeal of New France; Writers of Canada; Foothill Fables...**Ted Serrill**, 555 Old Post Rd. #C-15, Edison, NJ 08817 has two different A Voice in the Night; The Stolen Necklace (6/14/46) and Case of the Detective (8/9/47). The second date must be a repeat since the program ended in 1946...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116; latest flyer has Arthur Godfrey Talent Scouts; Cruise of the Poll Parrot; Bill Stern

NEW ADDRESSES: Michael Moon, 2301 Bright Leaf Way, Baltimore, MD 21209

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Donald Ehlenfeldt, 4899 Countryside Rd., Lyndhurst, OH 44124 is looking for an old FM radio receiver, probably foreign-made, about 1958..**Leo Gawroniak**, Box 248, Glen Gardiner, NJ 08826. Leo is a dealer with much material...**Jim Burnette**, 2400 Sunrise Dr., Sebring, FL 33872...**Barbara Schwarz**, 7232 N. Keystone Ave., Lincolnwood, IL 60646. Barbara is president of the Vic and Sade Fan Club...**Gerald Randolph**, 2934 Cameron St., Indianapolis, IN 46203. Jerry is also a dealer, also with a wide variety...**Georgia and Ken Kitchen**, 2809 Lapeer Rd. Flint, MI 48503...**Beverly Reid**, 2853 Langdon Farm Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45212...**Kevin Scullin**, 57 West 8th St. #1B, New York, NY 10011...**Eric Beheim**, 25114 Oak Ln., Descanso, CA 91916 is looking for 1948 and 1949 Railroad Hour...**Ivan Shreve, Jr.**, 370 Scott Ave. #2205, Morgantown, WV 26505...**Roger Hall**, 235 Prospect St., Stoughton, MA 02072. Roger has made appearances on WGBH-FM in Boston and WBET-AM in Brockton. He has presented special programs about singers, composers, movies and Broadway. He has prepared a booklet with tape called **Remember Radio: Great Songwriters and Singers**. It is \$15. You will hear recordings from 5 great composers, big band hits, songs from Broadway and Hollywood...**Charles Beckett**, 640 Madison Ln., Florissant, MO 63031. Charles is looking for an Edgar Bergen log is one exists...**Art Zimmerman**, Box 158, Jericho, NY 11753 is looking for copies of Casey Crime Photographer in which pianist, Herman Chittison, provided the music...**Philip Leibfried**, 150 East 7th St. #A7, New York, NY 10009 is looking for information on Mutual's Rainbow House with Bob Emery, especially their adaptation of Jungle Book with Sabu in 1942...**Larry Evans**, 9800 Possom Creek Rd., Box 33, Valles Mines, MO 63087

OLD FRIENDS: Barry Hill is the subject of a recent article in the Marietta, Ohio Times. It tells of his preservation of over 200,000 hours of radio shows. If you want a copy, please send me a

SASE...**Bob Molleur**, 29 Kennedy Dr., N. Chelmsford, MA 01863 is looking for cassettes of the Janette Davis Show and/or her records...**Bill Anthony**, 1684 Beryl Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 is still looking for the 1937 Jungle Jim serial starring Grant Withers; also Lux Radio Theater "The Man Who Came To Dinner" (3/27/50) (I have not seen it anywhere yet either)...**John Barber**, Box 70711, New Orleans, LA 70172; just a reminder that John has many scripts for sale; John has a Shadow novel "Cry Shadow" by Maxwell Grant (1965) for sale for \$15; also he has a hardbound copy of "The American Story" by Archibald MacLeish (1944); 10 scripts for sale for \$25. John also mentions that Mary Godfrey, Arthur Godfrey's widow died May 22, 1997 at the age of 84.

Charles Michelson, 9350 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90212 is selling a group of Window Posters, all in color size 15" by 11" covering the following; The Shadow; Gunsmoke; Have Gun, Will Travel; The Lone Ranger; Dragnet; Gangbusters; The Green Hornet; Sherlock Holmes. Cost is \$5.00 each. suitable for framing. Postage is \$3.00 for one or more.

IN FOND MEMORY: **John Derek**, May 22; 71; actor and director; on Lux Radio Theater "Movietown, USA."...**Jeanette Nolan**, Jun 5; 86; a good friend; was at the FOTR convention twice including last year...**Robert Gist**, Apr 27, 83; a member of the Mercury Theater Group...**George Wright**, May 10; 77; theater and radio organist (Robert Q Lewis)...**Helen Carter**, Jun 2; 70. One of the great singers of the Carter Family...**Josephine Hutchinson**, Jun 4; 94; actress (was in several Lux)...**Martin Stone**, Jun 7, 83; radio pioneer and producer of Howdy Doody...**Maureen O'Sullivan**, Jun 22; 87; Actress (Tarzan); on many Lux and other radio anthologies...**Charles Korvin**, Jun 18; 90; Actor (1 Lux)...**Bill Dixon**, May 28; 81; jazz musician; part of CBS staff band...**Ed Simmons**, May 18, 78; writer, director (Quiz Kids)...**Tom D'Andrea**, Jun 5, 89; actor, writer (Jack Benny; Man Behind the Gun, Army Hour)...**Harriet Van Horne**, Jan 15, 77; Radio and television critic...**Edith Oliver**, Feb 23, 84; drama critic; earlier on radio (Gangbusters, Crime Doctor)...**Jonathan Hole**, Feb 12, 93; character actor, radio actor (Dragnet, Ma Perkins)...**Paula Stone**, Dec 23, 85; actress (Leave it to the Girls)...**William Mitchell**, Feb 25, 83; Canadian author; wrote Jake and the Kid for Canadian radio...**Verna Hillie**, Oct 3, 1997; 83; actress and writer (Young Widder Brown; collaborated with husband Frank Gill on many radio projects)...**Roy Rogers**, Jul 6; 86; close to 90 of his radio shows are available...**Paul Hersey** (Paul West), Jun 15; 86; scriptwriter (Fibber McGee and Molly)

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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LOOK! UP IN THE SKY!
IT'S A BIRD! IT'S A PLANE!
IT'S AN OLD TIME RADIO FAN
HEADING FOR NEWARK TO THE
**23rd FRIENDS OF OLD TIME RADIO
CONVENTION OCT 22-24, 1998**
HOLIDAY INN NORTH, NEWARK, NJ!

Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or tentative acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast Guests

Mason Adams – Pepper Young's Family; Big Town
Kirk Alyn – (Serials) Adventures of Superman
Dick Beals – The Long Ranger; Gunsmoke
Ray Erlenborn – (Sound effects artist)
Bob Hastings – Archie Andrews; (Television) McHale's Navy
Bob Mott – (Sound effects artist)
Elliott Reid – March of Time; Lorenzo Jones

New East Coast Guests

Kay Armen – (Singer) Kay Armen Sings
Frances Chaney – The Adventures of Topper; Terry and the Pirates
Jill Corey – (Singer) TV - Your Hit Parade
Mary Diveny – TV, Broadway, Movies, Radio (WENY, Elmira, NY)
Toni Gillman – Life Begins; Young Widder Brown

Returnees

Arthur Anderson – Let's Pretend, Hotel For Pets
George Ansbro – (Announcer) ABC
Barney Beck – (Sound Effects Artist)
Jackson Beck – (Announcer) Superman, Mark Trail
Lon Clark – Nick Carter
Dick Dudley – (Announcer) Archie Andrews
Earl George – Captain Midnight, Doc Savage
Ed Herlihy – (Kraft Spokesman)
Pat Hosley – A Brighter Day
Will Hutchins – (TV) Blondie, Sugarfoot
Betty Johnson – (Singer) Breakfast Club
Raymond Edward Johnson – Inner Sanctum
Ruth Last – Let's Pretend; Quiet Please
Peg Lynch – Ethel and Albert
Ted Mallie – (Announcer) The Shadow
Bill Owen – (Announcer for Mutual)
Carmel Quinn – (Singer) Arthur Godfrey
Clive Rice – Bobby Benson

Ken Roberts – (Announcer) the Shadow; Ellery Queen
Adele Ronson – Buck Rogers, John's Other Wife
Margot Stevenson – The Shadow
Sybil Trent – Let's Pretend
Betty Wragge – Pepper Young's Family

Events

The following events are tentatively scheduled. Time will be announced at convention.

Wednesday

Wine and Cheese for overnight guests and committee: 6 – 10 pm

Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 9 am – 5 pm
Bob Burnham and the Future of OTR
Derek Tague and Dick Beals; Radio and Animation
Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30 - 8:00
The winning original drama of 1997 by Donald Dortmund will be presented (Our Miss Brooks)
Re-creation of Superman - first of a 5-part serial
Another original re-creation of Phil Harris and Alice Faye by Joel Senter

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Presentation on WWII Era radio drama; presented by Harold Blue
Quiz Show with Dave Zwengler
The Marx Brothers; presented by Jack French
Remember WENN by Gary Yoggy
Announcers Panel with George Ansbro, Ted Mallie, Dick Dudley, Bill Owen; others
The Mercury Theater (Anthony Tollin)
Author Panel; with Bill Jaker; Martin Grams, Jr; Anthony Tollin; Dave Siegel, others
The Gotham Players Present The Adventures of Sam Spade "The Caper With Eight Diamonds;" directed and produced by Steve Lewis and Max Schmid
Superman - Part 2

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Superman – Part 3

Re-creation: Candy Matson with Toni Gillman

Re-creation: Fibber McGee and Molly with Mary Diveny and Arthur Anderson

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Macabre and Supernatural with Ray Schnitzer; Gordon Payton, Bill Nadel, Dave Siegel

Sound Effects Western Spoof with Bob Mott, Ray Erlenborn, Barney Beck, surprise guests

Superman - Part 4

Salute to Big Bands and Singers with Kay Armen; Jill Corey; Betty Johnson, Carmel Quinn (hosted by Stu Weiss and Mike Henry)

Superman Panel (Anthony Tollin)

Raymond Edward Johnson presents...

Re-creation of Pepper Young's Family with Mason Adams, Ted Reid, Betty Wragge

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Re-creation of Blondie with Will Hutchins

Ethel and Albert with Peg Lynch and Bob Hastings

Superman - Part 5

Awards, raffle, donations, brief guest appearances

Getting There

By Air: Fly to Newark Airport

Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport.

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark

Airport: then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked **FRONTAGE ROAD** after toll booth. **DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT** which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked **Frontage Road**. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right.

From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked **FRONTAGE ROAD**. Follow to hotel.

From Garden State Parkway North of airport: take Exit 142 to I-78 to Exit 58B (**Frontage Road**)

From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to **FRONTAGE ROAD**.

By Train: Check your local train schedule

Cost

Reserve your spot as soon as possible. **Prepaid tickets are held at the door.** Take advantage of our early-bird special described on attached sheet.

Wednesday, October 21st; Complimentary wine and cheese from 6 - 10 pm

Thursday, October 22nd; Daytime only (9 - 5); **\$10**

Thursday, October 22nd; Daytime and evening including dinner (9 am - closing) **\$34.00** (\$31.00*). Choice of London broil, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed fillet of sole. **Please indicate** choice when you make your reservation.

Friday, October 23rd: Daytime only (9 am - 5:30 pm) **\$10.00** if paid in advance; **\$15.00** at the door.

Friday, October 23rd: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) **\$45.00** (\$42.00*). Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Saturday, October 24th: Daytime only (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) **\$10.00** if paid in advance; **\$15.00** at the door.

Saturday, October 24th: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) **\$52.00** (\$48.00*). Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Complimentary coffee, muffins and bagels early Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. **Hors d'oeuvres for dinner guests only.**

Dealer's Tables are \$50 and \$65 each plus appropriate registration fees. **Details on special sheet**

Hotel: Rooms are \$94, no matter how many in a room, no matter how many nights. **ALL ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED THROUGH THE HOTEL.** Call 973-589-1000 and ask for Michael in reservations. Mention FOTR. Reservation must be placed by September 22nd. Rooms are limited. **More details on special sheet**

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. **See attached notice.**

Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson

Mail to Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514. (203) 248-2887; FAX (203) 281-1322; E-mail JayHick@aol.com

Friends of Old-time Radio Convention

Oct 22 – 24, 1998

Updated and Further Information

Registration

All meal reservations **MUST** be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk **and save \$5**. Preregistration for the day only is **\$10 if mailed in advance** and **\$15 if paid at the door** for both Friday or Saturday. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is **\$10** for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, add \$5 to the cost.

EARLY BIRD PRICES: There are special prices **IF PAYMENT IS RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 1**. The prices with an asterisk (*) are these prices. Early bird prices are **Thursday (\$31); Friday (\$42); Saturday (\$48). (All 3 days are \$121)**. If you reserve early but do not pay until you arrive, you will pay the higher price. Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, please send a SASE.

Rooms

Rooms must be reserved through the hotel. Call the Holiday Inn at 973-589-1000 and ask for Michael in reservations. Mention FOTR. Cost of the rooms is **\$94 a day**, regardless of the number of days or number of people in the room. **A deposit is required.** Rooms should be reserved by **September 22nd**. If you reserve them after that, you will be taking a chance on availability. The Holiday Inn has now been totally renovated. If you wish to stay at the Howard Johnson, which is also renovated and a half mile from the Holiday Inn, cost per night is \$80, a \$14 saving. There is shuttle service. Call the Holiday Inn and ask for Michael if you wish to stay at the Howard Johnson. If you wish to stay next door at the Sheraton, call 1-800-325-3535. Rooms for Friday and Saturday nights are \$89 as of July 15th.

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and **will** be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. **All those** who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is room. Table reservations **must** be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 23rd year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

Full Page – 8 1/2 by 11	\$90	Half Page – 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 or 4 by 11	\$55
Quarter Page – 4 by 5	\$35		

Dealers at our convention may take a 35% discount on the ad. Help support our 22nd annual convention. If you wish to submit a short article for the booklet, send it to me by October 1.

Wednesday

To All Wednesday Overnight Guests;

I will be arriving at the FOTR Convention Wednesday, October 21st, and with the help of several committee members, will have most of the dealers' rooms and many of the Dresden Rooms prepared by early evening.

Come and join us for complimentary wine, beer and cheese in the Dresden Room from between 6 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable and cheese platters. All committee members are also invited.

Thursday

Remember to let me know your choice of food for Thursday night. Also remember, the dealers are open from 9 am. We will have workshops in the afternoon.

Food

If you have to eat at a particular time or need special food, please let me know in advance.

Dealers

Cost for dealers will range from \$50 to \$65 per table depending on what room it is in. All details on a special sheet. If a special sheet is not included and you want a dealers table but are not particular as to the room it is in, cost will be \$50 a table. There is a limit of 2 tables in most cases.

No Smoking

This is a smoke free convention. The Hotel is under new management and is completely renovated. There now is **NO SMOKING ANYWHERE in the convention area, the lobby or the rest rooms.**